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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries working in Jharkhand at present;

(b) industry-wise and quantity-wise details of items exported by these industries and the details of foreign exchange earned during the last three years and the current year;and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to these industries so that they may face competition in the international market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(I/C)(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (c) : The data on food processing industries/units and details of foreign exchange earned in the country,including that of Jharkhand,is not centrally maintained. Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs @ 25% of the cost of Plant & machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in Difficult areas under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernizatioh/Expansion of food processing industries.

In order to ensure speedy disbursement of financial assistance, the Ministry has decentralized the disbursement procedure through banks under the Scheme of Setting up/Modernization/Expansion of food processing industries with effect from 01.04.2007.

Government has formulated and implemented several Plan Schemes to provide financial assistance for the establishment and modernization of Food processing units, creation of infrastructure,support of R&D,human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries.Moreover,the Government has taken several steps like tax reduction,waiver/reduction of excise duty, reduction of custom duty on specific food items with a view to encourage the growth of Food Processing Industries and make them more competitive. The Ministry under its Plan SchemeTesting Labs, Implementation of Quality Systems such as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP),International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9000, Promotion of Research and Development,Capacity building and Human Resources Development provide assistance to food processing to enable them to compete in the international market.